words, from things that are seen we are insensibly carried to things that are not seen. But what is the magical *news* ?

What is the bridge of wonders that travels from the world to eternit^^ The Chandogya Upanishad likens the Paramatma to the great bridge or bank. " *Therefore he who has crossed that bank, if blind, ceases to be blind; zf mounded, ceases to be. rounded', zf afflicted, ceases to be afflicted. Therefore wticn that bank has been crossed, mght becomes day indeed, for the u'orld of Brahman is hghied up once for all."*

Now coming to our own, Rishis of the Upanishads, we find that though they are all unanimous in. proclaiming the immortality of the human soul, yet they differ consider- ably as regards their conceptions of the conditions of life after death. Many of them inculcate the doctrine of Karma, the correspondence between cause and effect, good and bad actions in this life leading inexorably to higher or lower worlds hereafter. The conditions of the present existence are considered to be the result of actions of the past life.

In other words, the well-known doctrine of transmigration, ' *a complicated itinerary* [s] of the soul from lower to higher forms of existence and *mce versa,* has been elaboral ed by the

Rishis. In, this, their poetic but unscientific imagination also
seems to have played no small part. For, the reverse process - -
from humanity to animality, seems quite improbable in the
light of both natural and moral science of the present day.
Progress from seed to tree, from the jelly-fish to the highest
mammalia, from child to man, from the lowest barbarism
to the highest civilisation, is the unalterable order of Nature
and the irreversible law of Evolution. The latter law which is
operative not only in the physical world but also in the
sphere of philosophy and ethics, of culture and the arts, and
even strikingly so in theology and religion, has declared
and proved that man had risen, *not fallen,* had risen exit
of a state of savagery hardly conceivable by us and that the
whole history of our race had been development from lower